

Urban District Council of Luffham.

Tenth Annual report of the Medical Officer of Health.

Area in acres 7144. Census population 3636.
Density of population 1 person to 2 acres.

Gentlemen

In making my Tenth Annual report to your Council in compliance with the 18th Article Section 14, of an order issued from the Local Government Board in 1880, according to my usual custom I will first submit the record of Births & Deaths which have occurred in the town and Workhouse.

During the year 1898, the number of Deaths registered for the whole town, including the Workhouse was 55, this calculated on the population of 3636, will give a death rate of 15.6., a very low death rate for the year.

No death has been recorded from the seven principal Zymotic diseases.

With reference to sex 33 Males and 22 Females died in the town.

The Births numbered 69, including 5 born in the Workhouse, this giving a birth rate of 18.1 per thousand of the population of the whole town, of these 42 were Boys and 27 Girls.

The Deaths of Children under 1 year of age numbered 8 including one in the Workhouse, giving a death rate of 2.2, calculated on the number born during the year.

I have at regular intervals inspected all parts of the town, and where necessary ordered nuisances to be abated.

Each Quarter I have visited and inspected the Sanitary arrangements of the Public Schools.

The water supplied to the town by the Waterworks Company has been good in quality (as proved by Analysis), although somewhat deficient in quantity owing to the long continued drought. The Company are about to commence operations to provide a better supply.

Report of Inspector of Nuisances.

During the year 20 foul and offensive privy-vaults and bins have been demolished, and either privy pans or water closets substituted.

also 29 additional pan-closets and water-closets have been provided.

one house has been compelled to drain into the Main Sewer.

Seven foul and offensive yard drains and man-traps have been replaced with earthenware gullies. one offensive accumulation has been removed. one case of unsound fish exposed for sale has been dealt with.

one case of overcrowding has been attended to. Two cottages have been condemned as unfit for human habitation.

Two premises have been fumigated after infection.

I remain gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

A. W. Thomas Esq. R.M.
Medical Officer of Health Urban District
Council of Swaffham.

The following Table classifies the ages at which deaths occurred in the whole town.

Deaths under 1 year.	8.
" 1 year and under 5 years.	1.
" 5 years " " 15. "	1
" 15 " " " 25 " "	3
" 25 " " " 65 " "	16
" 65 and upwards.	26.
Total	55.

The Grouping into ages is in conformity with the ages fixed by the Local Government Board and accompanies this report.

Sanitation Act adopted in 1889.

During the year past only nine cases of contagious disorders have been reported to me, viz, 7 cases of Scarlet Fever, of a very mild form, and 1 case of Typhoid Fever, which was contracted away from the town, and occurred at the North well Pool, and one a case of Erysipelas in the Workhouse, all of which cases were visited by me and the Inspector, and the necessary instructions given to prevent further spread of the diseases, which in all the cases had the desired effect.

During the year the auxiliary drain has been completed, and has in every way proved satisfactory.

I have on several occasions inspected the outflow at the Sewer works, and find the whole arrangement acts well.

classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

* The heading of column 19 is left blank for the insertion of Influenza, or any other disease which it may be thought desirable to record.

NOTES ON TABLES A AND B.

NOTE 1. *Medical Officers of Health of "Combined Districts" must make a separate Return for the District of each District Council.*

2. *Medical Officers of Health acting for a portion only of the District of a District Council should write, in the heading of the Table, the designation of the Division for which they act.*

3. *The words "Urban," "Rural," or "Metropolitan" must be inserted in the appropriate space in the heading, according as the District is Urban or Rural, or is within the Metropolitan Area.*

4. *The "Localities" adopted for the purpose of these statistics should be areas of known population; such as parishes, groups of parishes, townships or wards.*

As stated at the head of the first column in each Table, *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the deaths in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmarys, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

5. *The deaths which have to be classified in this Table (A), and summed up in the horizontal line of "Totals," are the whole of those registered as having actually occurred in the several localities comprised within the Division or District. But the registered number of deaths frequently requires correction before it can give an exact view of the mortality of a Division or District; and the two lowest horizontal lines are provided for the purpose of enabling Medical Officers of Health to indicate, to the best of their ability, what the extent of such corrections should be. Details concerning the corrective figures, e.g., the institutions that have been considered, or the particular localities to which corrections apply, may appear in the text of the report or in supplementary tables.*

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.	
Area in Acres	7144
Population (Last Census)	3636
" (Estimated to middle of 1898)	3636
Death Rates.	General 15.6 { per 1,000 Population, estimated to middle of 1898.
	Infant (under one year of age) 2.2 { per 1,000 Births Registered.

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables A and B, attention has been given to the notes endorsed on the Tables.

A. W. Thomas Medical Officer of Health.

(Date) *27th February*, 1899.

OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, AND OF NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1898, in the Urban District Council of St. George's. District; classified according to DISEASES, AGES and LOCALITIES.

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NOTES ON TABLE **B.**

(See also Notes on back of Table A.)

NOTE 1. The present *Table B.* is concerned with population, births, and sickness (not with mortality) in the district or division to which the Table relates.

2. As stated in the heading of Col. (*a*), *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the new cases of sickness in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received, are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

3. *Comments on any unequal incidence of notifiable disease upon the several localities, and considerations as to the local incidence of Consumption and other prevalent diseases, should be made in the text of the Report.*